

## Paramedic station eyed for Caledon East

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Caledon East is likely to see a paramedic station.

Caledon council recently authorized the Town entering into a memorandum of understanding with Peel Region for the design and construction of the satellite station. The 2,800 square foot building is slated to go on Town-owned land, just to the east of the fire hall in the village.

A staff report to council stated this station is part of the Region's Paramedic Services Facility Plan, which includes small satellite stations. The aim is to provide faster emergency responses, meet growing health care needs in the community, make effective use of available resources and provide healthier workplaces for paramedics.

The proposed station will house two vehicles, and the associated crews will serve the northern part of the region.

Two possible locations for the station were considered. The other was in part of the parking lot for the Caledon Community Complex. The staff report had stated there is lots of room there, and it's close to a Regional road. But there were disadvantages, including fears of vehicular congestion, that it would occupy prime land on the Town Hall Campus and there would be no direct access to Old Church Road.

The favoured location, according to staff, makes efficient use of the footprint on the property and puts two emergency facilities together.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison observed the Region will own the building, leasing the land from the Town.